Queen's Head, Stockwell - news and discussion

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Sep 15, 2015 #1

With the pub finally changing hands (anyone know who to?) it looks like the Queen's Head as we know it has gone for good.

I doubt very much if the pub's uniquely chaotic and extremely mixed character will survive the transition, and already the best open mic night in Brixton has moved out: All change at the Stockwell Queen's Head as Sing For Your Supper moves out

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For me it was the last real 'Brixton' pub - as in the kind of place that still retained the spirit and mix of people that I saw when I first came here - and if it does indeed change into something quite different, I'l be saddened to see it go.

Of course it wasn't to everyone's taste, but I've had some of the most wonderful, anarchic and hilarious nights - even on Monday nights when every bar in Brixton was dead!

(*yes I know the landlord was an arsehole once but it would be nice to talk abut the people that went there and the great events that were put on rather than bang on about that one incident again)

DietCokeGirl
Fishing in the rivers of life

Sep 15, 2015 #2

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The fact that the long running Sing For Your Supper has been told that its all over convinces me - it's been cancelled tonight. I'm going to really miss the night.

Jah Lush
Booze enthusiast and lazy bastard.

Sep 15, 2015 #4

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The amount of times I've "popped in" the Queen's for a "quick pint" on a midweek day swearing I won't stay late because I've got important work to do next day - and then then found myself walking home at God-knows-o'clock in the morning.

I'm going to really miss it. There's nothing like it.

DietCokeGirl and Jah Lush

cuppa tee
Well-Known Member

Sep 15, 2015 #6

Not another one gone.....

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Sep 15, 2015 #7

> cuppa tee said:
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The Albert is still a great boozer and feels way less shiny, trendy and/or corporate than all the other boozers in the area, but it lost an awful lot of its unique community/alternative vibe when the council evicted all the long term squatters/housing co-op residents who lived nearby.

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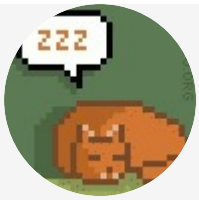
Sep 16, 2015 #8

It appears that tonight was the last ever night. It was of course fucking brilliant and packed with a diverse crowd of locals. I'm going to miss this place so much.



DietCokeGirl
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Sep 16, 2015 #9

Damn, walked past about midnight but decided to be sensible

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Sep 16, 2015 #10

Anyone know who bought the Queens? I certainly knew a lot of people who wanted to buy the place but found trying to secure the deal a truly exasperating experience. I asked Simon last night but he - shall we say - declined to comment.

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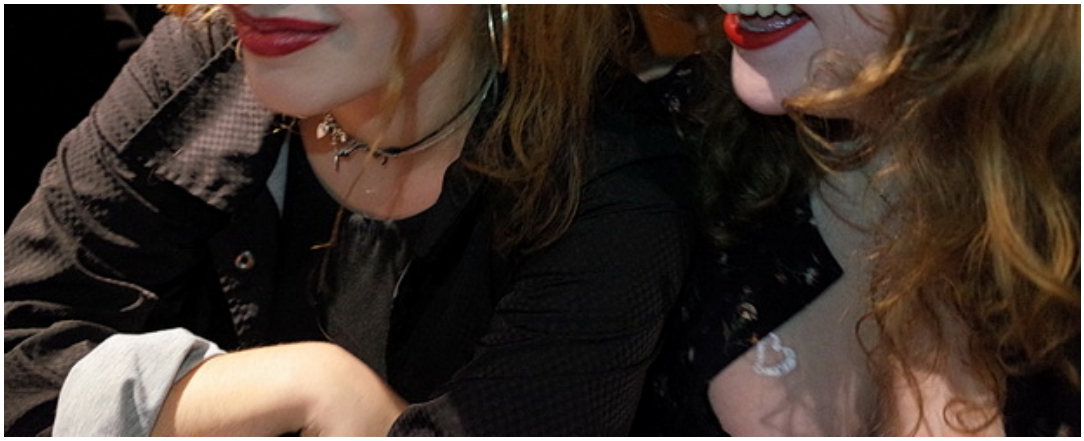
Sep 16, 2015 #11

The last night (probably):



Last orders at the Queen's Head in Stockwell – the closing party in photos

cuppa tee
Well-Known Member

Sep 16, 2015 #12

Good pics, some proper faces there.....not least this lurcher who I last saw hogging the stage at the Bermondsey Folk Festival

Greebo and editor

gdubz
Hashtaggin'

Sep 16, 2015 #13

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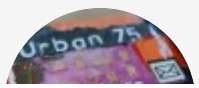
Chances of it turning into flats? Not that i want it to.

Twattor
Well-Known Member

Oct 14, 2015 #14

Strip-out in progress, which would suggest re-fit for continuing use.

Anyone know any more.



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What I've heard is slightly encouraging, but the Queens we knew and loved has certainly gone forever..

gdubz
Hashtaggin'

Oct 14, 2015 #16

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I went past the other day and they were painting but had plastic covering the taps and bar, which suggested it was going to continue as a pub

DietCokeGirl
Fishing in the rivers of life

Oct 14, 2015 #17

Yup, certainly seems to be undergoing a lick of paint, but looks like it's remaining a pub.

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Oct 15, 2015 #18

> DietCokeGirl said:
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That's the word on the street!

stockwelljonny
Wait here I have gone to get help

Oct 16, 2015 #19

I had no idea. Dropped by for a pint last night and it was all shut up, though could see lights on through front door glass and painting in progress. Gutted. Haven't been there for a few months and much less than used to but for several years after Simon took over had some fantastic nights there. Was really sad after George iv and the queen on Ferndale road closed ut then the qh popped up from the previously dead pub that was there and the anarchic Brixton publife was back in business. Met some lovely people there over the years and some of the best nights of my life, proper parties, mash ups of all sorts, proper get downs.

A silly story, a few years ago I asked Simon if I could play some tunes in the pub on a Saturday afternoon before the main night got going and nice chap that he was he said I could so went down mid afternoon on the Saturday as agreed.

There was not much going on as you'd expect and there was a hung over chap with a beard who I told that I was going to play some records so he swore, cursed Simon and said that the set up was in a mess after last night, and he set about setting up the decks for me. After he had finished up I thanked him and asked his name and he said 'Nicky', I said 'Oh no, not Nicky Holloway' as I know that he played there sometimes being a mate of Simon and he reluctantly admitted that it was him. I was full of embarrassment that I'd got Nicky Holloway the godfather of British House to set up the decks for me, but he was a nice guy. Nicky lived for a while above the pub with a padlock on his door. Which just about sums that fantastic place up for me. RIP. I salute you! ;-)

Ed - we may have crossed paths I imagine, I'm quite distinctive as I have a limp and a 'big shoe' with a raise on it and a bit of a funny walk ..

Fingers, ddraig, DietCokeGirl and 2 others

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Nov 10, 2015 #20

A peak inside. It looks like they're opening up the upstairs too.

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Nov 10, 2015 #21

Here's another window snap from Facebook (courtesy RD).

The former regulars aren't finding the shiny new look too encouraging.

And the (unsurprising) word is that their focus is going to be more on food, with no live music and no DJ events.

ignatious
Well-Known Member

Nov 11, 2015 #22

Gastro written all over it.

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Nov 11, 2015 #23

I want chaos not poncey food.

RubyToogood

DietCokeGirl
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Nov 11, 2015 #24

Just had a peek, looks very sleek and clean and expensive.

twistedAM
Left Of The Dial

Nov 13, 2015 #25

It's now part of this chain: Parched London Ltd.

CH1
"Red Guard"(NLYL)

Nov 13, 2015 #26

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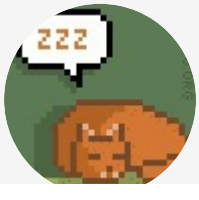
I'm fed up with all these people who claim to have a passion about pizzas etc.

Would a funeral directors claim to have have a passion for funerals these days?

salem, Eggby, Plumdaff and 2 others



Nov 13, 2015 #27

Oh, that'll please my neighbours, and ensure the Marques has 100% of my patronage.

DietCokeGirl
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snowy_again
Slush

Nov 13, 2015 #28

Their Trinity pub puts on ok music nights - seen a few people from here at the rockabilly gigs they put on.

I'm barred from the Roebuck still having been a Tuesday regular before they took it over. They had similar issues with the Montpellier. Ed won't get his chaos though.

Anyway, people are being killed in paris, so this seems a bit facile.

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Nov 19, 2015 #29

Opening soon.

Queens Head (@QueensHead1) | Twitter

DietCokeGirl
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Nov 27, 2015 #30

Looks like it's opening tonight or tomorrow. Looks a bit bland. Happy to be proved wrong. Oh so very tempting to go in and feign ignorance that's anything's changed and get up to shenanigans.

Last edited: Nov 27, 2015

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